

First round results of Public Policy Research Funding Scheme 2018-19 announced

The Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office (PICO) announced today (May 11) the funding results of the first round exercise in 2018-19 of the Public Policy Research (PPR) Funding Scheme.

The PPR Funding Scheme aims to promote public policy research and provide evidence-based research to facilitate public policy discussion. Applications are accepted throughout the year. For the first round exercise in 2018-19, PICO received 21 applications. On the advice of an assessment panel, PICO decided to fund seven projects with a total funding of about \$2.8 million.

Assessments on the PPR Funding Scheme are conducted by the assessment panel comprising academics, taking into account the comments of reviewers who are academics and experts outside the panel. Each application is considered on its merits and contributions towards the making of public policies. A declaration of interests system is in place to ensure that the assessments are fair and just.

Details of the funded projects have been uploaded to PICO's website (www.pico.gov.hk).